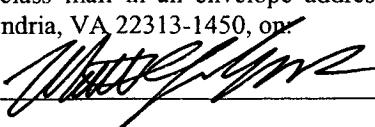




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mehregany et al. Docket No.: 47799.00003
Application No.: 09/677,197 Group Art Unit: 3621
Filing Date: October 2, 2000 Examiner: Kambiz Abdi
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACQUISITION OF RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner:

Herewith is a response to the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed on June 15, 2005. The response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petitions to extend the time for response two months (Notice of Appeal was previously filed) to April 17, 2006 (Monday), and enclose the required petition fee.

Applicant asserts Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra			Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	15	Minus	25	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	\$0.00
							Subtotal:	\$0.00

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Fee Calculation: Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

[]	Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$ 120.00
[X]	Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$ 450.00
[]	Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$ 1020.00
[]	Response filed within fourth month after due date – add	\$ 1590.00
[]	Response filed within fifth month after due date – add	\$ 2160.00

Subtotal: \$ 450.00

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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$ 225.00

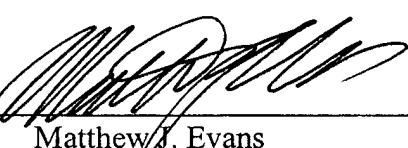
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Respectfully submitted,

By


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